

## Частина "ВИКОРИСТАННЯ МОВИ"

### USE OF ENGLISH

#### TASK 8

Read the text below. For questions (39–48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

#### Great Green Wall

In Africa, scientists are hard (39) \_\_\_\_\_ work restoring land once rich with biodiversity and vegetation. Eleven countries in the Sahel-Saharan region have joined to combat land degradation and restore native plant (40) \_\_\_\_\_ to the landscape. In recent years, northern Africa has seen the quality of arable land decline significantly (41) \_\_\_\_\_ to climate change and poor land management. Uniting (42) \_\_\_\_\_ the banner of the Great Green Wall initiative, national and regional leaders hope (43) \_\_\_\_\_ this trend. The project has since expanded to include countries

in (44) \_\_\_\_\_ northern and western Africa. Land degradation typically stems from both human-related and natural factors; overfarming, overgrazing, climate change, and extreme weather are the most (45) \_\_\_\_\_ causes. (46) \_\_\_\_\_ affecting land and the natural environment, land degradation (47) \_\_\_\_\_ serious threats to agricultural productivity, food security, and quality of life. Nowhere is this issue more urgent than in sub-Saharan Africa, where an estimated 500 million people live on land undergoing desertification, the most extreme (48) \_\_\_\_\_ of land degradation.

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| 39. | A | in          | B | at        | C | on           | D | of         |
| 40. | A | kind        | B | live      | C | existence    | D | life       |
| 41. | A | due         | B | pending   | C | owed         | D | debt       |
| 42. | A | around      | B | over      | C | under        | D | near       |
| 43. | A | to reverse  | B | to return | C | to come back | D | to reserve |
| 44. | A | both        | B | all       | C | twin         | D | together   |
| 45. | A | distinctive | B | strange   | C | unusual      | D | common     |
| 46. | A | Except      | B | Beside    | C | Beyond       | D | Within     |
| 47. | A | poses       | B | does      | C | grants       | D | gives      |
| 48. | A | shape       | B | contour   | C | form         | D | edge       |